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**December 21, 2012**

## **Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Welcomes New Members**

Welcome to our three new members who were recently appointed to the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB):  
**Mark Firley (Montgomery Village); Daisha New (Poolesville); and David Rosenbaum (Germantown)!**

The full Board meets monthly as do the subcommittees --- the Land Use Committee, and the Quality of Life Committee. Board members are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. They are responsible for advising the Executive, Council, and Regional Services Director on issues impacting the northern part of Montgomery County. Board members serve three year terms and are not compensated. For more about the Board, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty) or contact Regional Services Director Catherine Matthews at 240-777-8040 or [catherine.mattehs@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.mattehs@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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**Dept. of Transportation Meets with Clarksburg Community on Frederick Road Bike Path**  
**Thursday, December 20, 2012**  
**7:00pm – 8:30pm**  
**Clarksburg High School**  
**22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg**

Staff from the County's Dept. of Transportation will meet with residents to explain the Frederick Road Bike Path project that is in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The project consists of design, land acquisition and construction of an 8 foot wide hiker-biker path along Frederick Road (Rt. 355) from Stringtown Road in Clarksburg to the Milestone subdivision in Germantown. For details, see the project description form (PDF) and map at:  
[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/omb/FY13/appr/cip\\_pdf/501118.pdf](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/omb/FY13/appr/cip_pdf/501118.pdf)

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## **Eligible County Homeowners Encouraged to Apply for Maryland's Homestead Tax Credit by December 31**

Montgomery County homeowners who are eligible for Maryland's Homestead Property Tax Credit must submit a one-time application with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) by December 31 to establish eligibility. The credit limits the amount of assessment on which a homeowner actually pays taxes on their principal residence. For more information, visit: <https://sdathtc.resiusa.org/homestead/>

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## Seniors' Federal Benefits Switching to Electronic Payments; U.S. Treasury requirement

Senior citizens and others who still receive their federal benefit payments by paper check are required by law to switch to an electronic payment option by **March 1, 2013**. This is less than two months from now. Urge check recipients to act now and switch to **direct deposit** or the **Direct Express®** Debit MasterCard® card by calling the U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center at 800-333-1795 Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. For **direct deposit**, people also can sign up online at [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) or at their bank or credit union. [Free materials](#) are available to help you spread the word. [MORE](#)

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## Montgomery County Police Services Moves to New Public Safety Headquarters on Edison Drive, Gaithersburg

The former Police headquarters building at 2350 Research Boulevard in Rockville officially closes for public use today at 4:00pm. All headquarters services will be available at the new Public Safety Headquarters located at 100 Edison Park Drive in Gaithersburg. Photo identification will be needed to be admitted into the building. For more, visit:

<http://www.mymcpnews.com/2012/12/13/former-mcp-headquarters-to-close-on-december-20-2012/>

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**Excel Beyond the Bell Presents:  
Cross-Cultural and Linguistic Competency Training**  
Thursday, January 3, 2013 10:00am - 2:00pm  
12320 Parklawn Drive, 1st Floor Training Room  
Rockville, MD 20852

Upcounty organizations, especially those serving youths, can learn how to build their cross-cultural and linguistic competency (CCLC) with this training. Space is limited so register early. [To register click here.](#) Lunch will be provided.

Questions or problems with registration please contact: Alicia Church at 301.610.0147 or email [alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org](mailto:alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org) or Lynn Sobolov at [lynn.sobolov@collaborationcouncil.org](mailto:lynn.sobolov@collaborationcouncil.org).

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## County Executive Leggett's Pedestrian Safety Initiative Showing Success!

Mr. Leggett's Pedestrian Safety Initiative that was launched five years ago has reduced collisions and saved lives. See the [press release](#) with more details.

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**Council is on recess December 17, 2012 – January 11, 2013**

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*Have a Blessed Holiday Season!*